

Church Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2009

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Lorrie Hayne, Joy Brown, Ron Peterson, Ann Fehrman, Joan Jarombek, Mary Lanoux, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Solberg, Christena Watson and June Wendt.

Devotions led by Lorrie Hayne.

Minutes of January 8, 2009 Meeting: A motion was made by June and seconded by Terry to accept the corrected minutes of the January 8th Council Meeting. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph expects to have done 59 one-on-one conversations by Ash Wednesday. He said it has been a joy to do this and get to know our members. There is a potential for a seminary intern here at Galilee. We are one of three churches being interviewed. Details such as pay need to be found out. He could start as soon as March 1st and his time will be 6 months. The Council gave permission for Pastor Ralph to follow up on this. Efeso has asked to use the church Sunday mornings at 5:00 for prayer. They would only be here for about an hour. The council gave approval. Pastor Ralph asked to get some feedback on the different ways our church communicates - the bulletin boards, Sunday morning announcements, the Sunday bulletin, the website and our newsletter. Do people read the items posted? Are they working?

Financial Secretary Report: Given by Mary Lanoux. January pledged giving was over by \$977.01 and pledges given are over \$977.01 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter Solberg. Bills are paid current. We spent just under the budgeted amount for the month. June made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Ron. The motion was passed.

Team Reports: *Outreach* - Miriam Peterson sent in an update and Joan Jarombek also updated us. World Hunger collection boxes will be available for members to take home and collect money. March is food share month. We will be focusing and donating to a local foodshelf, Keystone. In April we will be taking donations of household items which will be sent to Alley Shop. More information to follow. Thrivent is decreasing the funds they can give us for matching. We are limited to receiving \$1020 for 2009.

Property - Jim Zrust sent an update. The light timer was replaced in sanctuary. The main outside door was fixed.

Other Business: *Savings Account Report* - There is \$30,409 in savings and a memorial gift of \$64,000. The Finance committee made a recommendation to the Council to move \$15,000 of the savings money and \$44,000 of the memorial fund money into higher interest earning CDs. The council gave the OK for the Finance committee to meet and go over the different options regarding rates, length of CD and where to go. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th at 8:15pm.

Non-Attendees/Givers - The church members the Council was not able to make contact with have been sent letters requesting their response as to their membership status. There are four members who indicated they wished to be removed from our membership. Pastor Ralph made a motion to remove those people. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed. The council is to keep trying those where no contact has yet been made and in six months we will review this again.

Memorial Donation, Sis Johnson Estate - When Sis Johnson left money to Galilee, her will stipulated that it is to be used to enhance worship at Galilee. A committee will be formed to

discuss the best way to do this. June Wendt, Christena Watson, and Mary Lanoux have volunteered to be on the committee. The Council will be contacting some other members to recommend them for the committee.

Bell Tower - As stated in the annual meeting, the Bell Tower Committee will meet to discuss options and present them to the Council. Ann Fehrman wants to join that committee and will be talking to George Johnson to get a meeting set up.

Council Officers for 2009 - Nomination for Secretary is Joy Brown and Vice-President is Ron Peterson. Joan made a motion to accept the nominations for Secretary and Vice-President. June seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Council Retreat - The Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Galilee.

Handling of Personnel Matters - The Council was given a procedure of how to handle any personnel issues or issues between congregation members brought to us.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
February 15 - Christena & Lisa
February 22 - no help needed
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Joan
March 1 - Mary
March 8 - Joy & Terry
March 15 - Jay F., Ron & Lorrie

Next Meeting - March 12, 2009 7:00 p.m.

- Devotions - Terry
- Drinks & Treats - Mary

Christena made a motion to adjourn. Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary